attempt a breach defended by so many hands , hov* the Queen*s ships by want of victuals should shortly have been forced to depart , together with the lack of munition and artillery , and the great hazard to the whole country if the enterprise sho aid fail On the 2nd of this month therefore a treaty i* concluded between the Lord Deputy and Don John whereby tne Spaniard shall quit all those places that he holds in Ireland, departing with all that he hath Shipping and victuals at jast and reasonable rates shall be provided for them, and the\ undertake not to bear arms against her Majesty till they be unshipped *n the ports of Spam

At the meeting of Don John D'Aquila and the Lord Deputy, the Spaniard bemoaned his King's misfortune to be so abused as to trust such a nation that had no constancy nor resolution The Lord Deputy asked him what he thought of the nature of the country Don John replied that he remembered that part of Scripture, when the Devil carried Christ to the top of the pinnacle to show him all the world , wherein, said he, * I \enty believe the Devil did hide Ireland from Him because it was fit for none but himself *

2,6th January THE CASE OF SIR THOMAS POSTHUMUS HOST

Sir Thomas Posthumus Hoby's complaints against the Lord Eure's kinsmen are to be heard in the Star Chamber to-morrow

January THE SIEGE OF OSTEND

From Ostend, since the parley and the last assault, we have heard nothing, for the passage out of that town is not so easy as ships are willing to adventure but in cases of necessity, it being incredible to imagine what means the Archduke useth to stop up the new haven by raising such *gabionados* and

cavaliers for his artillery, whereby to command all entering, as the like hath not been seen m any siege Yet though the charge heth heavily upon the States and her Majesty we must not desist , for if we can still engage and waste that army which is the garland of Spain before that place, he will be at little ease to think of other enterprises It can easily be discerned at what rate he values that port, for he continually maintained 5,000 men in forts to block it before it was besieged, and how fitly it stands to annoy England